

The Washington City Council met in a continued session on Monday, June 19, 2006 at the Municipal Building at 4:30 p.m. Present were: Judy Jennette, Mayor; Darwin Woolard, Mayor Pro tem; Ed Gibson, Councilman; Richard Brooks, Councilman; Archie Jennings, Councilman; James Smith, City Manager; Rita A. Thompson, City Clerk; and David Francisco, Acting City Attorney. Councilman Gahagan was absent.

Also present were: Jimmy Davis, Fire Chief; Joe Stringer, Police Chief; Phil Mobley, Parks & Recreation Director; Bobby Roberson, Planning and Development Director; Allen Lewis, Public Works Director; Keith Hardt, Electric Director; and Mike Voss, of the Washington Daily News.

Mayor Jennette called the meeting to order.

Councilman Gibson delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Mayor Jennette asked that a space be added for “Public Comments” and Appointments be postponed until June 26th.

On motion of Councilman Woolard, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

AWARD BID – FOR WARREN FIELD AIRPORT ELECTRICAL PROJECT

Jim Smith, City Manager, stated that bids have been received for Runway 23 PAPI, REIL and Runway 5-23 Hold Sign Installation project at the Warren Field Airport. There were two bidders for the project: Walker & Whiteside, Inc. in the amount of \$80,014.00 and Aubrey Silvey Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$125,430.00.

Talbert & Bright, Warren Field Airport Engineers are recommending that Walker & Whiteside, Inc. be awarded the bid.

On motion of Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Woolard, Council unanimously accepted the recommendation of Talbert & Bright, Airport Engineers, and awarded the bid for the runway 23 PAPI, REIL and Runway 5-23 Hold Sign Installation project to Walker & Whiteside, Inc., Greenville, S.C. in the amount of \$80,014.00.

AWARD BID – FOR BEEBE PARK

This item was postponed until later in the meeting.

ADOPT ORDINANCE – TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, SECTION 9-53 TO REMOVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT 9TH STREET AND BONNER STREET

On motion of Mayor Pro tem Woolard, seconded by Councilman Gibson, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to amend Chapter 9, Section 9-53 to remove the traffic signal at 9th Street and Bonner Street.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, SECTION 9-53: INTERSECTIONS CONTROLLED BY TRAFFIC SIGNALS, OF THE WASHINGTON CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

Section 1. That Chapter 9 Section 9-53 – Intersections controlled by traffic signals, be amended to remove the following:

Sec. 9-53 Intersections controlled by traffic signals.

Ninth Street and Bonner Street.

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective June 20, 2006

This the 19th day of June 2006.

s/Judy Jennette
JUDY JENNETTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson
RITA A. THOMSON, CMC
CITY CLERK

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Jennette stated that Council will comments on the proposed budget.

Mr. Gary Tomasulo stated he didn't want to be here but after he saw an executive board member from DWOW (Cam Padgett) talk to the County Commissioners and told them he had to put his Progress Partners' hat on first. Mr. Tomasulo stated that he feels the executive board members have a conflict of interest with DWOW and they should all be asked to resign. He stated he feels that developers should not be on the board, that Council should pick the executive board members. He stated that Council is allowing them to take charge of the City and they do not represent the merchants. He stated that Cam Padgett told the Summer Festival people that the City better get their act together and find out who they want on their parkway. They do not represent the downtown merchants. The Council does not represent a group of profiteers. He suggested that all funding for DWOW be stopped if they are not willing to step down. Seventy-two% of the DWOW budget goes to the Director who has done nothing for downtown and has not helped downtown whatsoever. Buildings are being sold but nothing is being developed. A lot of merchants are hurting. DWOW is supposed to be a brick and mortar operation, not a festival operation. He stated he trust the Council, but not them. Two of the executive board members interfered with the Downtown Merchants Association and tried to get rid of him, bad-mouthed them, slandered them, etc. DWOW is not working with them. Washington is a great City and he wants peace downtown, but he will not be taken over by developers. If you stop the \$55,000 you save a penney on the tax rate. He is for progress. He suggested Steve Tanner go back to South Carolina, save that money or hire someone that will do a good job.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Tomasulo if he owned two buildings downtown and he answered yes. Mr. Tomasulo stated his buildings are developed. He bought two businesses but he is not a developer. Mr. Smith asked if the downtown merchants would take over the boat show, summer festival, farmer's market, etc. Mr. Tomasulo stated that other organizations could run the Farmer's Market. DWOW is not running the boat show, it is being put together by Tony and Ginger and it was Kent Fulton's idea. He stated that they don't get permission for things they pass out, because they feel they can do as they want.

Mayor Pro tem Woolard asked isn't fundraising a part of it, so the City and County won't have to fund them. Mr. Tomasulo stated that the Director has been paid for 22 months and has not raised a dime to pay for his salary in the 22 months, have they ever gotten a grant? If this money had been given to the Merchants Association or to the

Arts Council, there would have been something done downtown. Promoters will raise money for the boat show.

Councilman Gibson stated that Mr. Tanner indicated that he had two grants on go, what has happened to them? Mr. Tomasulo stated that if that he had two grants, wouldn't DWOV put that info out? Also, DWOV has cost us money, the grants for the bathrooms that we don't have anymore. This group has not tried to work with the merchants at all. He offered DWOV to sell food at "Music in the Streets" and Mr. Tanner said he "doesn't sling hash." The point was for people to know who DWOV is. The 20% cut for the Merchants Association was going to be donated back to DWOV at the end of the year.

Councilman Jennings stated that we have invested some money into DWOV by virtue of the Director's salary but that is far and away from all the money we have invested downtown. There have been millions of dollars invested in the waterfront alone. The problem is when it gets couched into a personal context, using individual names, it makes it difficult for the Council to step in and choose sides. Not one time have you said that you want us to come in on DWOV's side and do something. That would be putting us in the choosing sides category. Councilman Jennings asked that we work on this together because his personal vision for downtown is we can't make downtown, or Washington as a whole for that matter, what it needs to be with groups buying against each other like DWOV and the Downtown Merchants are right now. Mr. Tomasulo stated that he is not disagreeing on that, but they went in on the intentions of doing this Main Street Program, but it went astray. The merchants have been here forever and are not going anywhere. He asked Council to take it over.

Councilman Gibson asked how would it be if they started talking instead of growling at each other? Mr. Tomasulo stated they tried it and it didn't last. He stated he has a passion for downtown and wants what is best for Washington.

Mayor Jennette asked that the Council be given a list of the DWOV Board members. Legally, the Council cannot take it over, we just control the purse strings.

Mr. Walter Williams spoke against the proposed increased tax rate. He stated that he is on a fixed income and Social Security is not a lot of money. He asked what are people like him going to do? He stated that what's fair to him is what he has coming in.

Mayor Jennette stated it is about a \$30 a year increase for a \$60,000 house.

Councilman Jennings stated that he has said that those types of individuals are foremost in our minds. However, with increase fuel costs, it takes more to run the City. It puts the City in a tough spot too, and by law we have to provide these services.

Mr. Williams asked if Council takes into consideration people on a fixed income? He stated at least you can pick up garbage when you are suppose to and take care of barking dogs, that the citizens deserve what they pay for.

Mayor Jennette stated quality of service is an issue.

Mayor Pro tem Woolard stated that it was first projected at eight cents and Council is still looking to find more so taxes will not go up to an outrageous amount. He stated that Council tried and we understand.

Mr. Williams stated that when the dogs bark and his trash is not picked up, expect him to holler. Mr. Smith told Mr. Williams if his trash is out on time and does not get picked up, for him to call Public Works and it will be picked up. Mayor Jennette asked him for his address and telephone number so it can be looked into. Mr. Williams' address is 1200 Harrington Street, phone no. 946-4972.

Mrs. Janet Rose, 120 Palmer Place, stated that she is here to oppose the tax increase. She took exception to Councilman Jennings and Mr. Smith saying that the City has not had an increase in taxes...you had a revaluation a few years ago that increased taxes, what do you call that? Mayor Jennette stated that we had a re-valuation but it was

made tax neutral, the tax rate was decreased so it would not reflect a tax increase. Mrs. Rose stated that she doesn't think so, that we have water runoff fees, garbage fees increase, electric rate increases, what is that if it isn't a tax. Mayor Jennette stated those are user fees. Why are we subsidizing this \$60,000 the City is giving to Rev. Moore and why don't the boaters downtown pay equal? Mayor Jennette stated we wouldn't do it anymore, we will be breaking even. Mr. Smith stated that the fees will be raised at the docks generating about \$40,000 this year. Mrs. Rose asked why are we loaning money out, the \$50,000 to Rev. Moore. Mayor Jennette stated he will pay it back within the year with interest. Mrs. Rose stated that the City is not a lending institution and Rev. Moore should go to the bank like everybody else. She suggested a boat ramp fee be charged at Havens Gardens. If they have money to buy gas for a boat, they have money to pay a boat ramp fee.

Mrs. Rose, referring to the City cutting a Public Works worker, stated that last fall they could not get a worker out to Smallwood to clean up their street and a Public Works worker should not be cut, find somebody else. She stated they voted for them in the last election and they depend on them to keep their taxes down.

Public comment session was declared closed.

ADOPT ORDINANCE – TO AMEND CHAPTER 5.6, CEMETERIES-FEES

On motion of Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Gibson, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to amend Chapter 5.6 Cemeteries-Fees, to implement an increase in fees for services such as grave openings and marker foundations.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, CEMETERIES,
OF THE WASHINGTON CITY CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

Section 1. That Chapter 5-6. (b) Cemeteries- Interment Fees be deleted and replaced with the following:

(b) *Interment fees.* Fees for interment in the city cemetery shall be as follows:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Weekends & Holidays</u>
Adult	\$ 550.00	\$ 650.00
Baby (up to 24 months)	200.00	250.00
Cremation Urn	200.00	250.00

(1) *After hours fees.* Fees for services after 4:00 pm in the city cemetery shall be as follows:

	<u>After 4:00 pm Additional Fee</u>
Adult	\$ 75.00/hr.
Baby (up to 24 months)	75.00/hr.
Cremation Urn	75.00/hr.

Section 2. That Chapter 5-6 (c) Cemeteries – Permit Fees for Monuments be added:

(c) *Permit fees for monuments.* Permit fees for headstones and footstones installed in the city cemetery.

Headstones	\$100.00
Footstones	50.00

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2006.

Adopted this the 19th day of June 2006.

s/Judy Jennette
JUDY JENNETTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson
RITA A. THOMPSON, CMC
CITY CLERK

AWARD BID – FOR BEEBE PARK

Bids received for construction and improvements to Beebe Memorial Park were:

Built right LLC	\$151,723
Harrelson and Smith Contractors	\$149,449
B. E. Singleton & Sons	\$291,930

On motion of Mayor Pro tem Woolard, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Harrelson and Smith Contractors in the amount of \$149,449 for the construction for certain improvements to Beebe Memorial Park.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE – TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, SECTION 18-154
WATER RATES AND BILLS, SECTION 18-155 SEWER RATES
AND BILLS, AND SECTION 18-160 WATER AND SEWER RATES**

As part of the 2006-07 budget process, water rates would be increased by 4% and sewer rates to be increased by 5%. These increases are necessary to cover operational costs, debt service and replace reserves in the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund.

On motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Woolard, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to amend Chapter 18, Section 154-Water Rates and Bills, Section 155 – Sewer Rates and Bills and Section 160 – Water and Sewer Rates, to increase water and sewer rates with an effective date of July 1, 2006.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, WATER & WASTEWATER
OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

Section 1. That Article V, Section 18-154 Water Rates & Bills and Section 18-155 Sewer Rates and Bills be replaced with the following:

Sec. 18-154. Water rates and bills.

- (a) Residential service.
 - (1) This service is available for the supply of drinking water to single-family residences within the city and outside the city limits where the city's water supply facilities are extended.
 - (2) Service is not available under this schedule for any non-domestic use, such as for a business operated in the residence; for commercial or multifamily use, such as master metered apartments, motels, inns and mobile home parks; or for resale.
 - (3) This service is applicable when the customer's residence is serviced by a water service lateral up to one (1) inch in diameter.

- (4) The minimum monthly charge for inside city customers will be thirteen dollars and thirty-four cents (\$13.34) or the customer charges, whichever is the greater. The minimum monthly charge for outside residential city class I customers will be twenty-eight dollars and nine cents (\$28.09).
 - (5) Commodity charges will be based on the customer's total water consumption during the billing period. Water consumption will be metered and rounded to the nearest ten (10) cubic feet for billing except, that when the amount of water used is not registered because of a defective meter, the bill rendered shall be for the average amount theretofore used by the premises served by such meter during the preceding three (3) months or during the portion of such period for which water use records are available, or if water was not consumed by the premises through the meter during such preceding period, the bill rendered shall be for the average period and for the average amount for other service of the same class in the city during the period covered by the bill. Bills shall be rendered separately for each service or connection. When more than one (1) family or other group is furnished water through a single meter, the bill therefore shall be furnished only to the person upon whose application such water was furnished. All bills shall be made out and mailed as early as practicable after the close of the period covered by such bills.
- (b) General service.
- (1) This service is available for the supply of drinking water to commercial, industrial, institutional and other customers within the city and outside the city limits where the city's water supply facilities are extended. Service is not available for resale service.
 - (2) The minimum monthly charges for inside city customers will be thirteen dollars and thirty-four cents (\$13.34) or the customer charges whichever is the greater. The minimum monthly charge for outside city customer's class I will be twenty-six dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$26.68). For this minimum, outside residential customers will be entitled to two hundred (200) cubic feet of water. The minimum monthly charge for outside city customers, class II will be seventeen dollars and thirty-four cents (17.34). For this minimum, residential customers will be entitled to two hundred and sixty-seven (267) cubic feet of water. Outside Class I customers shall be those customers served from city lines outside the corporate limits of the City of Washington. Outside Class II customers shall be those customers served from lines which may be extended by developers into areas beyond the corporate limits of the City of Washington.
 - (3) Commodity charges will be based on the customers total water consumption during the billing period. Water consumption will be metered and rounded to the nearest ten (10) cubic feet for billing. When total use is not known, bills will be rendered on the basis of estimates by the director of public works.

(Ord. No. 95-6, ' 2, 6-19-95; Ord. No. 95-12, ' ' 2--5, 6-19-95; Ord. No. 99-8, 6-21-99; Ord. No. 03-2, 1-13-03)

Sec. 18-155. Sewer rates and bills

(a) Residential service.

- (1) This service is available for the collection and treatment of domestic sewage from single-family residences within the city and outside the city limits where the city's collection facilities are extended.
- (2) Service is not available under this schedule for any nondomestic sewage; such as from business operated in the residence, for commercial for multifamily use, such as master metered apartments, motels, inns and mobile home parks; or for resale.
- (3) This service is applicable when the customer's residence is served by a water service lateral up to one (1) inch in diameter.
- (4) The minimum monthly charge for inside city customers will be sixteen dollars and seventeen cents (\$16.17) or the basic customer charge

whichever is the greater. The minimum monthly charge for outside city customers will be thirty-three dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$33.68).

- (5) Commodity charges will be based on the customer's total water consumption during the billing period. Water consumption will be metered and rounded to the nearest ten (10) cubic feet for billing except when the amount of water used is not registered because of a defective meter; the method described in Section 18-154(a)(5) will be used.
- (6) Customers not receiving city water service shall provide a meter to measure total use. When total use is not known, bills will be rendered on the basis of estimates by the director of public works.
- (7) The sewer service charge shall be billed to each customer at the same time that water bills are rendered and shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as water accounts.

(b) General service.

- (1) This service is available for the collection and treatment of sewage discharged by commercial, industrial, institutional and other customers within the city and outside the city limits where the city's collection facilities are extended. Service is not available for resale service.
- (2) The minimum monthly charge for inside city customers will be sixteen dollars and seventeen cents (\$16.17) or the basic customer charge for meter size, whichever is the greater. The minimum monthly charge for outside Class I city customers will be thirty-three dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$33.68) or the total basic customer charge for the meter size, whichever is greater. The minimum monthly charge for outside Class II city customers will be twenty-one dollars and two cents (\$21.02). For the minimum these customers will be entitled to two hundred and sixty-seven (267) cubic feet of sewer service. Outside Class I and Class II customers are defined in Section 18-154(b)(2).
- (3) Charges will be established periodically for billing of some costs attributable to wastewater with greater pollutant concentrations than normal domestic sewage. The following rates are applicable for five-day BOD and suspended solids:

BOD: \$0.24/pound for concentration in excess of 300 mg/l.

TSS: \$0.29/pound for concentration in excess of 300 mg/l.

Charges for additional costs attributable to other pollutants will be assessed to each customer, as applicable. All non-domestic customers that utilize 2-inch or greater meters shall be charged an additional \$0.00360 per cubic foot for administration of the industrial pretreatment program.

- (4) Commodity charges will be based on the customer's total water consumption during the billing period, except when the customer's water consumption significantly exceeds the discharge into the wastewater collection system. When applicable, the customer may pay the cost of installing and maintaining the necessary equipment to monitor the flow not returned to the wastewater collection system, and having the billing use reduced accordingly.
- (5) Water consumption will be metered and rounded to the nearest ten (10) cubic feet for billing. Customers not receiving city water service shall provide a meter to measure total use. When total use is not known, bills will be rendered on the basis of estimates by the director of public works.
- (6) The sewer service charge shall be billed to each customer at the same time that water bills are rendered and shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as water accounts.

(Ord. No. 95-6, ' 2, 6-19-95; Ord. No. 95-12, ' ' 6, 7, 6-19-95; Ord. No. 97-8, 6-23-97, effective July 1, 1997; Ord. No. 98-12, 6-22-98; Ord. No. 99-8, 6-21-99; Ord. No. 03-2, 1-13-03)

Section 2. That Article V, Section 18-160 Water & Sewer Rates be replaced with the following:

Sec. 18-160. Water and Sewer Rates

- (a) Inside City Rates

Water Service-Inside City	Effective 07-
01-2006	
	Water +4%
Commodity (Usage) Charges	Sewer +5%
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.03095
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.02562
First 581,495 cubic feet	0.01925 *W19
Over 581,495 cubic feet	0.01394 *W19
Customer charges for meter size	
W10 Residential-All	\$5.35
W11 Commercial-3/4" Meter	\$5.35
W12 Commercial-1" Meter	\$13.34
W13 Commercial-1.5" Meter	\$26.68
W14 Commercial-2" Meter	\$42.69
W15 Commercial-3" Meter	\$85.38
W16 Commercial-4" Meter	\$133.41
W17 Commercial-6" Meter	\$266.81
W18 Commercial-8" Meter	\$426.89
W19 Commercial Industry-National Spinning	\$0.00
Minimum Charges for all rates-Up to 259 cu.ft.	\$13.34
 Sewer Service-Inside City	
Commodity (Usage) Charges	
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.03775
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.03261
First 581,495 cubic feet	0.04136*Only
SW Charges	
Over 581,495 cubic feet	0.03623*Only
SW Charges	
Customer charges for meter size	
S10 Residential-All	\$6.75
S1G Residential-Gallons	\$6.75
S1C Churches-All Sizes	\$6.75
S11 Commercial-3/4" Meter	\$6.75
S12 Commercial-1" Meter	\$16.85
S13 Commercial-1.5" Meter	\$33.71
** S14 Commercial-2" Meter	\$53.89*
S15 Commercial-3" Meter	\$107.79*
S16 Commercial-4" Meter	\$168.46*
S17 Commercial-6" Meter	\$336.86*
S18 Commercial-8" Meter	\$538.97*
Minimum Charges for all rates	\$16.17

*Non-Domestic Customers with 2" or greater meter size

**SM-Metered sewer-use rate according to meter size (Flanders Filter)

(b)

Outside City Rates	
Water Service-Outside City	Effective 07-
01-2006	
	Water +4%
Commodity (Usage) Charges	Sewer +5%
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.03870
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.03870
Customer charges for meter size	
W20 Residential-All	\$28.09
W21 Commercial-3/4" Meter	\$26.68
W22 Commercial-1" Meter	\$66.72
W23 Commercial-1.5" Meter	\$133.41
W24 Commercial-2" Meter	\$213.46
W25 Commercial-3" Meter	\$426.89
W26 Commercial-4" Meter	\$667.02

W27	Commercial-6” Meter	\$1,334.07
W28	Commercial-8” Meter	\$2,134.51

Minimum Charges for residential city class I	\$28.09
Minimum Charge for commercial rates	\$26.68

Sewer Service-Outside City	
Commodity (Usage) Charges	
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.03775
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.03261
First 581,495 cubic feet	0.03623*
Over 581,495 cubic feet	0.03450*

Customer charges for meter size		
S20	Residential-All	\$33.68
S2G	Churches-All Sizes	\$33.68
S21	Commercial-3/4” Meter	\$33.68
S22	Commercial-1” Meter	\$84.24
S23	Commercial-1.5” Meter	\$168.46
S24	Commercial-2” Meter	\$269.46*
S25	Commercial-3” Meter	\$538.97*
S26	Commercial-4” Meter	\$842.16
S27	Commercial-6” Meter	\$1,427.34*
S28	Commercial-8” Meter	\$2,694.85*
SM6	Municipalities Meter	\$1,118.75* As

of 7/ 1998

Minimum Charges for residential city class I.	\$33.68
Minimum Charges for commercial rates	\$33.68

*Non-Domestic Customers with 2” or greater meter size
**SM-Metered sewer-use rate according to meter size (Town of Chocowinity)

(c)	Outside City Developer Class II	
	Water Service-Outside City Developer Class II	Effective 07-01-2006

		Water +4%
		Sewer +5%
Commodity (Usage) Charges		
	First 50,000 cubic feet	0.04024
	Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.04024
Customer charges for meter size		
W30	Residential-All	\$17.34
W31	Commercial-3/4” Meter	\$17.34
W32	Commercial-1” Meter	\$17.34
W33	Commercial-1.5” Meter	\$34.69
W34	Commercial-2” Meter	\$55.50
W35	Commercial-3” Meter	\$110.99
W36	Commercial-4” Meter	\$173.43
W37	Commercial-6” Meter	\$346.86
W38	Commercial-8” Meter	\$554.96

Minimum Charges for all rates-to 267 cu. ft.	\$17.34
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Sewer Service-Outside City Developer Class II	
Commodity (Usage) Charges	
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.04909
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.03261
First 50,000 cubic feet for SW	0.04136*Only
Over 50,000 cubic feet for SW	0.03623*Only

First 374,000 Gallons
0.00553**S3G
Over 374,000 Gallons
0.00484**S3G

Customer charges for meter size

S30	Residential-All	\$21.02
S31	Commercial-3/4” Meter	\$21.02
S32	Commercial-1” Meter	\$21.90
S33	Commercial-1.5” Meter	\$43.82
S34	Commercial-2” Meter	\$70.06*
S35	Commercial-3” Meter	\$140.13*
S36	Commercial-4” Meter	\$219.00*
S37	Commercial-6” Meter	\$437.91*
S38	Commercial-8” Meter	\$700.67*

Minimum Charges for all rates-to 267 cu. ft. \$21.02

*Non-Domestic Customers with 2” or greater meter size includes .00360 Adm. Charge

**SM-Metered sewer-use rate according to meter size (Twin Lakes)

Class II denotes water and sewer construction paid by developer

No assessments to the customer

Class II water and sewer rates are 30% higher than inside city rates

(d) Inside City County Main
Water Service-Inside City County Main Effective 07-01-2006

	Water +4%
Commodity (Usage) Charges	Sewer +5%
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.03095
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.02562

Customer charges for meter size

W40	Residential-All	\$5.35
W41	Commercial-3/4” Meter	\$5.35
W42	Commercial-1” Meter	\$13.34
W43	Commercial-1.5” Meter	\$26.68
W44	Commercial-2” Meter	\$42.69

Minimum Charges for all rates-to 259 cu. ft. \$13.34

Sewer Service-Inside City County Main

Commodity (Usage) Charges	
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.03775
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.03261
First 50,000 cubic feet for SW	0.04136*Only
Over 50,000 cubic feet for SW	0.03623*Only

Customer charges for meter size

S40	Residential-All	\$6.75
S41	Commercial-3/4” Meter	\$6.75
S42	Commercial-1” Meter	\$16.85
S43	Commercial-1.5” Meter	\$33.71
S44	Commercial-2” Meter	\$53.89

Minimum Charges for all rates-to 259 cu. ft. \$16.17

*Non-Domestic Customers with 2” or greater meter size includes .00360 Adm. Charge

(e) Outside City County Main
Water Service-Outside City County Main Effective 07-01-2006

	Water +4%
Commodity (Usage) Charges	Sewer +5%
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.03870
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.03870
Customer charges for meter size	
W40 Residential-All	\$28.09
W41 Commercial-3/4" Meter	\$26.68
W42 Commercial-1" Meter	\$66.72
W43 Commercial-1.5" Meter	\$133.41
W44 Commercial-2" Meter	\$213.46
Minimum Charges for all rates-to 200 cu. ft.	\$28.09
Minimum Charges for commercial rates	\$26.68
 Sewer Service-Outside City County Main	
Commodity (Usage) Charges	
First 50,000 cubic feet	0.03775
Over 50,000 cubic feet	0.03261
First 50,000 cubic feet for SW	0.04136*Only
Over 50,000 cubic feet for SW	0.03623*Only
Customer charges for meter size	
S40 Residential-All	\$33.68
S41 Commercial-3/4" Meter	\$33.68
S42 Commercial-1" Meter	\$84.24
S43 Commercial-1.5" Meter	\$168.46
S44 Commercial-2" Meter	\$269.46*
Minimum Charges for all rates-to 259 cu. ft.	\$33.68
Minimum Charges for commercial rates	\$33.68

*Non-Domestic Customers with 2" or greater meter size includes .00360 Adm. Charge

(f) Flat Sewer Rate – Increase each 5%

Section 3. Ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective as of July 1, 2006.

This the 19th day of June 2006.

s/Judy Jennette
JUDY JENNETTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson
RITA A. THOMPSON, CMC
CITY CLERK

**ADOPT ORDINANCE – TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC AND CHAPTER 16, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, TO
INCREASE FINES AND ADD NEW FINES**

Councilman Jennings stated that he feels some of these proposed changes need more attention, no. 21 speed in a school zone. Chief Stringer stated that the recommendation was to remove the fines for speeding from this schedule because we typically enforce all the speeding violations through General Statutes. While the

ordinance will remain in the Code Book, they are proposing to pull the speed fines out of the schedule of fines through a state uniform citation as a criminal penalty or infraction. Cost of court is in excess of \$100.00 plus whatever the fine is. Judge has final say. It is substantially more than what was listed in the Code Book.

Councilman Jennings asked about the Street Closing Permits at \$25.00 and stated that obviously we don't want to do a whole lot of and asked should this fee be increased?

Chief Stringer stated that this is street closings that the Police Department would be involved in. There are other street closing situations that Public Works is involved with. There are more block parties, cook outs, etc. Councilman Gibson asked how many do we have a year? Chief Stringer stated that they only issued three closings in the last 18 months. Councilman Gibson stated that is a drop in the bucket as far as revenue and would only irritate people if we substantially increase it.

Councilman Gibson asked where the fines go? Chief Stringer stated that he would have to ask Ms. Williams as to where they go. Mr. Smith stated that those covered under state statute go to the school system. Chief Stringer stated that civil fines such as parking fines go to the General Fund (about \$6,000).

Mayor Pro tem Woolard asked about the fine for parking in a handicapped parking space. Chief Stringer stated that the City ordinance is \$50, but if it's enforced on a state citation, it is a lot more. Chief Stringer stated that a lot of tickets are written for handicapped parking.

Councilman Jennings asked why our fines don't synchronize with the state fines. Chief Stringer stated that is it is the cost of court that makes them higher. We had a part time Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer and in order to make it legal for a civilian to force the ordinances, we had to decriminalize some of them.

David Francisco added that there is a lot of redundancy that the cities have, part of the reason is that prior to 1968, there was a whole different system. Cities had their own ordinances for speeding, parking etc. When we got a new court system in 1968 we did away with municipal courts and all those other type courts. We now have a Unified State System where you have district court and criminal matters and you have non criminal matter—driving offenses and that sort of thing. So most cities are actually redundant with their own stop sign violations. A uniformed ticket is written up and it goes to district court.

Mayor Jennette asked if this should be cleaned up and have it in line with the Unified State System? Mr. Francisco stated that it would take a lot of work to make sure everything is covered under State Statute. You still might have something here you still want to use at the appropriate time, but it can be done.

After discussion, on motion of Mayor Pro tem Woolard, seconded by Councilman Jennings, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to amend Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic and Chapter 16, Streets and Sidewalks of the City Code to increase fines and add new fines.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, MOTOR VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC OF THE WASHINGTON CITY CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, NC:

Section 1. That Chapter 9, Sec. 9-13. "Schedule of parking fines" be amended as follows:

- "(6) Clinging to public conveyance or moving vehicle Sec. 9-9" \$25.00
- "(7) Use of coaster, toy vehicles, scooters, and skateboard, etc.
Sec. 9-10" \$25.00

“(13) Stop signs Sec. 9-77”	\$35.00
“(14) Yield signs. Sec. 9-78”	\$35.00
“(15) U-turns. Sec. 9-79”	\$35.00
“(27) Prohibited parking. Sec. 9-123--9-130”	\$25.00
“(28) Parking over 48 hours prohibited. Sec. 9-131”	\$15.00
“(29) Parked in loading zone. Sec. 9-132”	\$15.00
“(31) Parked left side to curb. Sec. 9-134”	\$10.00
“(32) Parking outside of marked lines. Sec. 9-135”	\$10.00
“(33) Parking prohibited for certain purposes. Sec. 9-136”	\$25.00
“(34) Parked on a sidewalk. Sec. 9-137(1)”	\$25.00
“(36) Parked on a crosswalk. Sec. 9-137(3)”	\$25.00
“(39) Parked alongside of opposite construction obstructing traffic. Sec. 9-137(6)”	\$25.00
“(40) Parked on a bridge. Sec. 9-137(7)”	\$25.00
“(41) Double parked. Sec. 9-137(8)”	\$25.00
“(43) Unlawfully moving a vehicle on public property. Sec. 9-138”	\$50.00
“(44) Parked improperly at Havens Gardens. Sec. 9-139”	\$25.00
“(45) Parked unlawfully at Civic Center. Sec. 9-140”	\$25.00

Section 2. That Chapter 9, Section 9-13. “Schedule of parking fines” be amended by deleting the following:

“(19) Speed – 35 mph unless posted. Sec. 9-101(a)”	\$50.00
“(20) Speed – greater than is reasonable and prudent. Sec. 9-101(a)”	\$50.00
“(21) Speed – 25 mph in active school zones. Sec. 9-101(b)”	\$50.00
“(22) Speed–20 mph in certain business districts. Sec. 9-102(b)”	\$50.00
“(23) Speed - Excess of 25 mph posted. Sec. 9-102(c)”	\$50.00

Section 3. That Chapter 9, Section 9-13. “Schedule of parking fines” be amended by adding the following:

“(19) Parking prohibited between 9 pm and 6 am in certain places. Sec. 9-141”	\$15.00
“(20) Handicap parking prohibited. Sec. 9-142”	\$50.00
“(21) Failure to display placard. Sec. 9-142(a)”	\$ 5.00

“(22) Parking in fire land prohibited. Sec. 9-143”	\$50.00
“(23) Bicyclist clinging to moving vehicle. Sec. 9-158”	\$25.00

Section 4. That Chapter 9, be amended to include a new section as follows:

“Section 9-14 Other Fees”

“(1) Parade Permit. Sec. 16-14	\$50.00
“(2) Demonstration Permit. Sec. 16-21	\$25.00
“(3) Amplification Permit. Sec. 16-22	\$25.00
“(4) Street Closing Permit, Sec 16-23	\$25.00

The Chief of Police or his designee shall be authorized to issue permits for the following reasons: parades, demonstrations, amplification, and street closings. The Chief of Police or his designee shall issue the permit if it appears that such activity will be held in accordance with all State and Local laws or ordinances.

If a permit is issued for the combination of any two (2) or more; only one (1) fee, the highest of the combination shall be assessed. Applications of such permits must be made at least five (5) days before the event is to be held. All fees will be non-refundable.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2006.

This, the 19th day of June, 2006

s/Judy Jennette
JUDY JENNETTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson
RITA A. THOMPSON, CMC
CITY CLERK

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS OF
THE WASHINGTON CITY CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, NC:

Section 1. That Chapter 16, Article I. In General be amended to add:

“Sec. 16-21 Demonstrations”

The term “demonstration” as used in this section is defined as a public assembly with the primary purpose of which is expressive activity or the communication or expression of views.

- (1) is engaged in by more than 75 persons and the conduct of which has the effect, intent, or propensity to draw a crowd or onlookers.

- (2) will occur upon any City street, sidewalk, or alley without compliance with the normal and customary traffic regulations or controls governing such places.

No person or entity shall conduct or hold a Demonstration on City property without first obtaining an application/permit from the City. A non-refundable fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) must accompany the application.

“Sec. 16-22 Amplification”

No person shall use or operate a sound amplification device that emits sounds audible within a public street or other outdoor place without a valid sound amplification application/permit. It is an exception to the requirements of this section that the sound amplification system does not produce a sound that is in violation of Chapter 10, Sec. 10-6. A non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) must accompany the application/permit.

“Sec. 16-23 Street Closing”

Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful, to close any public street unless a Street Closing Permit therefore has been issued in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. Any Street Closing Permit may be issued subject to terms and conditions as are determined to be necessary and proper for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. Any street closed pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall at all times have a fifteen (15) foot wide emergency vehicle lane which lane shall extend throughout the closed area of the street and beyond to the next intersection in both direction. Said lane, shall be at all times kept clear of all obstructions to provide emergency vehicular access. A non-refundable fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) must accompany the application/permit.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

This, the 19TH day of June, 2006.

s/Judy Jennette
JUDY JENNETTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson
RITA A. THOMPSON, CMC
CITY CLERK

**ADOPT ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, FIRE-RESCUE-EMS,
FIRE PREVENTION, SECTION 7-77 FEES AND CHAPTER 4,
BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, SECTION 4-7 PERMIT
FEES**

Fire Chief Jimmy Davis stated that fees have been reviewed and compared with other towns, and additional revenue can be brought in.

On motion of Councilman Jennings, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Woolard, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to amend Chapter 7, Fire-Rescue-EMS, Fire Prevention of the Washington City Code, Section 7-77 Fees.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, FIRE, RESCUE-EMS,
FIRE PREVENTION OF THE WASHINGTON CITY CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

Section 1: That Sec. 7-77 Fees be replaced in its entirety with the following:

- “(a) A fee shall be assessed for required permits/fire prevention inspections conducted in accordance with Section 7-75 and/or Section 7-76 of this code as follows:
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| 1. First time/new occupancy pursuant to permit application | \$25.00 |
| 2. Periodic inspections in accordance with Section 7-75(b) | No Charge |
| 3. First re-inspection for non-compliance if Code requirements have been met | No Charge |
| 4. First re-inspection for non-compliance if Code requirements Have not been met | 25.00 |
| 5. Second and subsequent re-inspection for non-compliance | 30.00 |
- (b) First time fire prevention inspection/permit fees shall be paid along with all other applicable fees at the time of application. Re-inspection fees shall be billed upon completion of a final inspection.
- (c) Required construction permit fees
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| 1. Automatic fire extinguisher systems | 100.00 |
| 2. Compressed gas | 100.00 |
| 3. Fire alarm and detection system | 100.00 |
| 4. Fire pumps | 100.00 |
| 5. Flammable and combustible liquids | 100.00 |
| 6. Hazardous materials | 100.00 |
| 7. Industrial ovens | 100.00 |
| 8. Private fire hydrants | 100.00 |
| 9. Spraying or dipping | 100.00 |
| 10. Standpipe systems | 100.00 |
- (d) Other fees.
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| 1. Pyrotechnics special affects material | 100.00 |
| 2. Temporary membrane structures, tents, and canopies | 50.00** |
- *Fee per structure with a maximum \$100 per site

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2006.

Adopted this the 19th day of June 2006.

.....	s/Judy Jennette
.....	JUDY JENNETTE
.....	MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson
RITA A. THOMPSON
CITY CLERK

On motion of Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Gibson, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Buildings and Construction of the Washington City Code, Section 4-7 Permit Fees.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, BUILDINGS AND
CONSTRUCTION
OF THE WASHINGTON CITY CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

Section 1: That Sec. 4-7 Permit Fees be replaced in its entirety with the following:

“The following permit and inspection fees shall be charged under the provisions of this chapter:

- (1) Residential:
- a. Any work started without a required permit will be charged the original fee plus a penalty equal to the original fee, i.e., original fee is \$35.00, penalty fee is \$35.00, the total cost will be \$70.00.
 - b. New and additions, and repairs, cost per square foot, per floor:
 - 1. Building and insulation permit 0.15
 - 2. Electrical permit 0.07
 - 3. Plumbing permit 0.07
 - 4. Heating and/or A/C permit 0.07
 - 5. Minimum permit fee 35.00
 - c. Accessory buildings, porches, decks, etc., cost per square foot, per floor:
 - 1. Building and insulation permit 0.10
 - 2. Electrical permit 0.05
 - 3. Plumbing permit 0.05
 - 4. Heating and/or A/C permit 0.05
 - 5. Minimum permit fee 35.00
 - d. Moving of buildings 125.00
 - e. Electrical inspection for lights 25.00
 - f. Siding installation 35.00
 - g. Demolition of buildings 125.00
 - h. Gas piping 35.00
 - i. Mobile homes/manufactured homes:
 - 1. Single wide 100.00
 - 2. Double wide HUD Spec 125.00
 - 3. Modular on frame construction 130.00
 - 4. Modular off frame construction Same as (1)b.
 - j. Reinspection fee 35.00
- (2) Commercial:
- a. Any work started without a required permit will be charged the original fee plus a penalty equal to the original fee, i.e., original fee is \$40.00, penalty fee is \$40.00, the total cost will be \$80.00.
 - b. New and additions, and repairs, cost per square foot, per floor:
 - 1. Building and insulation permit .15
 - 2. Electrical permit .08
 - 3. Plumbing permit .07
 - 4. Heating and/or A/C permit .08
 - 5. Minimum permit feet 40.00
 - c. Accessory, cost per square foot, per floor:
 - 1. Building and insulation permit .10
 - 2. Electrical permit .05
 - 3. Plumbing permit .05
 - 4. Heating and/or A/C permit .05
 - 5. Minimum permit feet 40.00

- d. Reshingle or shingle permits25.00

e. Moving of buildings150.00

f. Electrical inspection for lights40.00

g. Siding installation40.00

h. Demolition of buildings150.00

i. Gas piping40.00

j. Re-inspection fee per trade50.00

(3) General

a. Signs, on- and off premises
cost per square foot, each side1.25

b. Piers, bulkheads, docks, jetties, etc.
per lineal foot1.00

c. Cell towers200.00

d. Buildings at cell sites125.00

e. ABC Inspection40.00

f. Construction site temporary office trailer100.00.”

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2006.

Adopted this the 19th day of June 2006.

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s/Judy Jennette

JUDY JENNETTE

MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson

RITA A. THOMPSON, CMC

CITY CLERK

APPROVE – NEW EMS FEES FOR FY 06-07

Fire Chief Jimmy Davis stated that there was a shortfall of approximately \$41,000 in revenue needed to balance the EMS budget for FY 06-07. The two areas considered to increase the revenue was changing our fees to include a fee for non residents of Beaufort County that we provide service for and increasing the fee for Beaufort County residents by 5%:

BLS-No Transport	\$195	Same
ALS-No Transport	\$295	Same
BLS-Transport	\$395	\$500
ALS-Transport	\$495	\$600
Mileage	\$8.50 per loaded mile	Same

On motion of Mayor Pro tem Woolard, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council unanimously approved the EMS fees for FY 06-07 as recommended by the City Manager and Chief of Fire-Rescue-EMS-Inspections.

ADOPT ORDINANCE – TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, PARKS & RECREATION TO INCREASE FEES AND APPROVE FEE INCREASES FOR PETERSON BUILDING AND BOBBY ANDREWS RECREATION CENTER

Council discussed the proposed ordinance change increasing the rental rates. Council agreed that in the proposed ordinance Section 1 (e) 2., the words “not to exceed” needs to be deleted.

On motion of Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 11, Parks and Recreation, Section 84 (2) to increase fees.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, PARKS AND RECREATION OF
THE
WASHINGTON CITY CODE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF WASHINGTON NORTH CAROLINA:**

Section 1. That Chapter 11, Article IV. Section 11, Parks and Recreation, Section 84, (e) be deleted and replaced with the following:

(e) *Private Vessels*. All fees are payable in advance.

1. The daily fee for temporary docking of private vessels is \$7.50, maximum 6 hours.
2. The transient fee for docking of private vessels is \$1.00 per ft. per night.
3. The fee for permanent vessels is \$260.00 per slip per month or \$750.00 per Quarter or \$1,410.00 Semi Annual or \$2,700.00 Annually.
4. The fee for usage of Pump Out Station is \$2.00 per boat.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective July 1st , 2006.

This the 19th day of June, 2006

s/Judy Jennette
JUDY JENNETTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson
RITA A. THOMPSON, CMC
CITY CLERK

Council discussed the proposed increase for the Peterson Building rooms from \$10.00 square ft. to \$11.00 a square foot. Also, the rental rates for the Bobby Andrews Recreation Center are as follows:

Old Rental Fees

- \$10.00 per hour with a 4 hour minimum (Staffing)
- \$25.00 maintenance deposit
- \$25.00 non-refundable cleaning fee (applied for meeting room use)
- \$25.00 per 4 hour period (meeting rooms or game room @ 7th St)
- \$35.00 per 4 hour period if charging admission
- \$25.00 per 4 hour period (Gym @ 7th St)
- \$65.00 per 4 hour period (Gym for a dance)

July 1, 2006

Rental Fees= Maintenance Deposit + Staffing + Cleaning Fee + Rental

\$10.00 per hour with a 4 hour minimum (Staffing)
\$50.00 maintenance deposit
\$25.00 non-refundable cleaning fee (applied for meeting room use)

\$25.00 per 4 hour period (Community Room)
\$35.00 per 4 hour period (Meeting Room)
\$50.00 per 4 hour period (Gym @ 7th St)
\$65.00 per 4 hour period (Gym for a dance)

On motion of Mayor Pro tem Woolard, seconded by Councilman Jennings, Council unanimously approved the fee increases for the Peterson Building and the Bobby Andrews Recreation Center for the 2006-2007 budget year.

ADOPT BUDGET ORDINANCE – FOR FY 06-07 AND SET TAX RATE

Mayor Jennette asked that \$4500 be put in the budget for Carolyn Stroud to cover the cost of the City's public information station out of the Economic Development budget created for the Turnage Theater. Mr. Smith stated that it takes about two hours a week and that could be transitioned to an in-house employee. Our IT person can do training for each department for the website.

On motion of Councilman Jennings, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Woolard, Council unanimously approved the additional \$4500 to be added to the Administration budget for public information station.

Mr. Smith reviewed with Council again the substantial hurdle we faced with the 06-07 budget with the three quarters of a million one time nonrecurring revenues (about 14 cents on the tax rate, taken from fund balance, reserves, etc. that are no longer available. The present budget as proposed would have eliminated all non-recurring revenue; however as it stands, it includes 2 cents equivalent to non-recurring revenues. In the current fiscal year 2005-06, we will spend about \$14.7 million for General Services and we are proposing to reduce that level in 2006-07 to \$12.8, a reduction of \$1.9 million less in tax dollars spent next year than we spent this year, a 13% reduction, which required cutting a lot of things. Each department was cut by a percentage of the \$12.4 million (revenues without any non-recurring revenues). Four positions were cut, two vacancies in the Police Department will not be filled, and three additional firemen will not be hired. Some cuts were not acceptable because there was not enough money to buy fuel for police cars, reducing medial services, etc. Solid Waste is now an enterprise fund. About \$400,000 was restored, making it \$12.8, still a substantial reduction from the \$14.7 million from this year. He reviewed items that had been deleted or restored during the budget workshops. Last minute expenses hit us, Worker's comp (up \$70,000) and liability insurance (\$32,500) were increased. With an 8 cents tax increase, we looked at median family income and that 8 cents increase would have been a \$50.00 increase for that family. We did reduce the number of City employees, each fund is self supporting, and created a self supporting enterprise fund in Solid Waste. Even after that, we still had a shortfall in current revenues vs. current expenditures. When property gets re-evaluated, some property value increases and some decreases, and some is about the average amount. The tax rate then gets set according to what the City usually takes in. When the values go up, the tax rate gets reduced so we would still rise \$3.4 million dollars. If values went up more than the average, those people saw a tax increase. A revaluation faces us again in about four years. It has been 14 years since there was a general increase in the tax rate. With the consumer price index over those 14 years, from 1992 to 2006, the CPI has increased 46%, while the tax rate did not increase at all. Mr. Smith stated that an 8 cents tax rate was proposed which would have been 14% or approximately 1% each year over those 14 years. Changes have been made by the Council during the budget workshops. We have had about \$48,000 in revenue increases

which include \$700 from occupancy tax administration, \$3100 from Recreation revenues, \$40,000 in boat slip rentals, \$10,000 in legal fees (may not receive), administration

charges to Enterprise Fund, change in operation of the Civic Center \$63,000, additional reimbursement but nets zero-reimbursement for staff and a loss of \$52,000 in revenue that goes to TDA for operation that nets to \$48,261. On the expenditure side, the legal budget was reduced by \$25,000, delay of Second Fire Station \$45,450, delete the Code Enforcement Officer and add a Chief Building Official (add \$22,969), Worker's Comp and liability insurance estimated at \$100,000, actual figures \$102,500, Highway 17 Association \$7500, Health Insurance reduction review \$19,00 savings. Expenditures have a net increase of \$46,556. Council indicated on June 14th they wanted to reduce the tax increase proposed from 8 cents to 5 cents. The City will sell some property estimated value \$122,000. Contingency would be reduced by another \$55,000. This would mean a tax impact of five cents.

Mr. Smith stated that with the low contingency, the only alternative, if costs increases more than we have in the budget, we will have to give people an unpaid vacation for a period of time, or close facilities for a week at the time if we don't have the ability to staff them. He stated that an effort has been made to treat our employees fairly. There was concern that the budget would be balanced on the back of the employees as we have had complaints in the past. The CPI increased in the south from July 2004 to May 2006 by 8%, the City of Washington is at 3.5% COLA.

Councilman Gibson made a motion for the property tax rate for FY 06-07 remain unchanged. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Mayor Pro tem Woolard moved that the City Council adopt the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and set Advalorem tax rate at \$.60 per \$100.00 valuation. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion.

Before vote was taken, Councilman Gibson stated that this tax increase is absolutely unnecessary, that there are other sources of income available and other cuts that can be made. The City has not investigated these additional sources of revenues or expenditure cuts. The City has not shown any resolve other than the Library, to charge non residents additional fees for the privilege of using the city supported facilities and this is not right. Cuts can be made without materially sacrificing anything in the way of service to the citizens. We are paying \$20,000 additional medical fee and offering a 4% decrease and a medical practice that generally was already acceptable to the City. He stated we are selling the citizens short and this should not be done. Also, the City should not play Santa Claus to outside people. Mr. Smith stated that actual figures from Blue Cross Blue Shied we were paying commission of about \$30,000 last year and this year we won't pay any commission but will pay a consulting fee of \$25,000, so we save \$5,000.

Mayor Jennette read a statement from Councilman Gahagan:

"Unfortunately I have been called out of town on a business trip for the next ten days and will be unable to attend or vote on this year's budget. I do want to make clear

however that I do support the current budget voted on today, including the five cents tax increase and would be voting yes if I could attend. I would like to compliment the Mayor, Council, Department Heads and City Manager as we have tried to allocate our scarce resources. Everyone has contributed to making this the leanest budget possible. It will be incumbent upon all of us to continue to work for efficiency, solve the city-county inequities and increase our tax base over the next twelve months because next year will be an even bigger challenge."

Councilman Jennings, in reference to Councilman Gahagan's statement, he would like to reiterate that Council takes this increase seriously. He stated that we have looked extremely hard for any possible way to save cents on the tax rate. It has become apparent that revenues have not kept pace with spending. . . spending the reserves and not raising the taxes. We worked hard and reduced the proposed 8 cents to 5 cents and that comes

with a challenge. We have to increase revenues and find new sources and eliminate the inequity that exists. It would be least courageous to turn our backs.

Vote was taken on the motion:

AYES: Councilman Brooks
Mayor Pro tem Woolard
Councilman Jennings

NAYS: Councilman Gibson

-Motion carried by majority vote.

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the City of Washington government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, according to the following schedules:

Schedule A. General Fund

General Government

City Council	47,483
Mayor	11,727
City Manager	290,030
DWOW Director	84,957
Legal	145,000
TDA Director	110,145
Human Resources	231,496
Finance	362,154
Purchasing	114,220
Information Systems	284,948
Revenue Collections	304,856
Billing	139,086
Municipal Building	115,085
Miscellaneous	762,287
Beaufort County E.D.C.	316,120
Debt Service	493,842

Public Safety

Police	2,600,695
E-911 Communication	277,638
Fire	1,508,319
Emergency Medical Services	617,240
Planning/Zoning	365,159

Public Works

Administration	77,021
Equipment Services	184,042
Cemeteries	249,932
Street Maintenance	419,998
Powell Bill Allocation	293,035

Cultural and Leisure

Brown Library	387,204
Recreation Administration	169,114

Recreation Events & Facilities	133,790
Athletics and Programs	124,653
Senior Programs	162,390
Waterfront Docks	99,640
Civic Center	188,786
Aquatic Center	300,262
Parks and Grounds	396,551
Agency Contributions	510,000
Contingency	
Contingency	75,517
Total General Fund Appropriations	12,954,422

Schedule B. Water Fund

Administration	65,531
Debt Services	1,177,344
Miscellaneous	287,222
Water Meter Services	139,602
Water Treatment	961,449
Water Distribution Maintenance	229,960
Water Distribution Construction	98,111
Contingency	<u>150,880</u>
Total Water Fund Appropriations	3,110,099

Schedule C. Sewer Fund

Administration	65,481
Debt Service	1,043,281
Miscellaneous	303,841
Wastewater Collection Maintenance	189,763
Wastewater Collection Construction	144,116
Wastewater Treatment	928,752
Wastewater Stations	<u>192,723</u>
Total Sewer Fund Appropriations	2,867,957

Schedule D. Storm Water Management Fund

Operations	388,495
Debt Payment	20,966
Storm Water Sampling	3,500
Nutrient Control	49,399
Contingency	<u>690</u>
Total Storm Water Management Fund Appropriations	463,050

Schedule E. Electric Fund

Administration	267,375
Marketing/Customer Service	349,348
Debt Service	946,071
Miscellaneous	2,697,434
Electric Meter Services	455,287
Load Management	219,238
Substation Maintenance	898,265
Power Line Maintenance	1,136,898
Power Line Construction	2,012,728

Purchase Power	24,481,000
Contingency	<u>5,743</u>
Total Electric Fund Appropriations	33,469,387

Schedule F. Airport Fund

Operational Expenses	703,000
Contingency	<u>10,500</u>
Total Airport Fund Appropriations	713,500

Schedule G. Solid Waste Fund

Debt Service	60,963
Solid Waste Operations	<u>922,537</u>
Total Solid Waste Fund Appropriations	983,500

Schedule H. Library Trust Fund

Administration Charges to General Fund for Library Operations	<u>2,500</u>
Total Library Trust Fund Appropriations	2,500

Schedule I. Cemetery Trust Fund

Administration Charges to General Fund for Cemetery Operations	<u>9,000</u>
Total Cemetery Trust Fund Appropriations	9,000

Schedule J. E-911 Surcharge Fund

Contract Services	54,383
Materials	800
Capital Outlay	5,400
Contingency	<u>10,917</u>
Total E-911 Surcharge Fund Appropriations	71,500

Schedule K. Public Safety Capital Reserve Fund

Transfer to General Fund	<u>156,486</u>
Total Public Safety Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations	156,486

Schedule L. Economic Development/Capital Reserve Fund

Transfer to General Fund	<u>104,500</u>
Total Economic Development/Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations	104,500

Schedule M. Water Capital Reserve Fund

Transfer to Water Fund	<u>40,000</u>
Total Water Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations	40,000

Schedule N. Sewer Capital Reserve Fund

Transfer to Sewer Fund	<u>50,000</u>
Total Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations	50,000

Schedule O. UDAG Fund

Economic Development-Façade Grant	<u>20,800</u>
Total UDAG Fund Appropriations	20,800

Total Appropriations for all Funds **55,016,701**

Section 2. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available during the year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, to meet the foregoing appropriations according to the following schedule:

Schedule A. General Fund

Ad Valorem Taxes	3,429,400
Other Taxes	2,514,366
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue	766,788
Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenue	1,197,664
Licenses and Permits	133,075
Sales and Services	1,278,559
Interest Earnings	206,500
Private Contributions	22,032
Miscellaneous	30,000
Installment Note Proceeds	75,000
Administrative Charges to Other Funds for Services:	
Electric Fund	1,112,867
Water Fund	222,065
Sewer Fund	210,944
Solid Waste Fund	84,256
DWOW	84,957
Cemetery Trust Fund	9,000
Library Trust Fund	2,500
Tourism Development Authority	110,145
Civic Center	63,786
Transfers from Other Funds:	
Electric	1,139,532
Capital Reserves	<u>260,986</u>
Total General Fund Revenues	12,954,422

Schedule B. Water Fund

Water Charges	2,717,057
Sales and Services	95,768
Interest Earnings	10,000
Miscellaneous	6,000
Rents	32,500
Contributions	54,302
Installment Note Proceeds	124,198
Transfers from Other Funds:	
General Fund	30,274
Capital Reserve	<u>40,000</u>
Total Water Fund Revenues	3,110,099

Schedule C. Sewer Fund

Wastewater Charges	2,667,346
Sales and Services	80,111

Interest Earnings	10,000
Installment Note Proceeds	59,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
Transfer from Other Funds:	
Capital Reserve	<u>50,000</u>
Total Sewer Fund Revenues	2,867,957

Schedule D. Storm Water Management Fund

Interest Earnings	5,000
Storm Water Charges	389,550
Grants	3,500
Installment Note Proceeds	<u>65,000</u>
Total Storm Water Management Fund Revenues	463,050

Schedule E. Electric Fund

Electric Charges	31,762,000
Sales and Services	497,800
Interest Earnings	150,000
Miscellaneous	85,000
Installment Note Proceeds	898,500
Administration Charges From Other Funds:	
Water	19,587
Transfer from Other Funds:	
General Fund	<u>56,500</u>
Total Electric Fund Revenues	33,469,387

Schedule F. Airport Fund

Interest Earnings	3,000
Rentals	54,500
Sales & Services	234,000
Grants	300,000
Transfer from Other Funds:	
General Fund	<u>122,000</u>
Total Airport Fund Revenues	713,500

Schedule G. Solid Waste Fund

Fees	<u>983,500</u>
Total Solid Waste Fund Revenues	983,500

Schedule H. Library Trust Fund

Interest Earnings	<u>2,500</u>
Total Library Trust Fund Revenues	2,500

Schedule I. Cemetery Trust Fund

Interest Earnings	<u>9,000</u>
Total Cemetery Trust Fund Revenues	9,000

Schedule J. E-911 Surcharge Fund

Surcharge Collections	70,000
Interest Earnings	<u>1,500</u>
Total E-911 Surcharge Fund Revenues	71,500

Schedule K. Public Safety Capital Reserve Fund

Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>156,486</u>
Total Public Safety Capital Reserve Fund	156,486
Revenues	

Schedule L. Economic Development /Capital Reserve Fund

Payment From Electric Fund	<u>104,500</u>
Total Economic Development/Capital Reserve Fund	104,500
Revenues	

Schedule M. Water Capital Reserve Fund

Impact Fees	<u>40,000</u>
Total Water Capital Reserve Fund	40,000
Revenues	

Schedule N. Sewer Capital Reserve Fund

Impact Fees	<u>50,000</u>
Total Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	50,000
Revenues	

Schedule O. UDAG Fund

Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>20,800</u>
Total UDAG Fund Revenues	20,800
Total Estimated Revenues for all Funds	55,016,701

Section 3. There is hereby levied the following rate of tax on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of estimated taxable property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2006, for the purpose of raising the revenues from property taxes, as set forth in the foregoing estimates, and in order to finance the foregoing appropriations:

General Fund	
Total Rate per \$100 of	
Valuation of Taxable Property	.60

Such rate of tax is based on an estimated total assessed valuation of property tax for the purpose of taxation of \$580,640,324 with an estimated rate of collections of ninety-five percent (94%).

Section 4. Some estimates of revenue other than the property tax exceed the amount actually realized in cash from each source in the preceding fiscal year, but the facts warrant the expectations that in each case the estimated amount will actually be realized in cash during the budget year.

Section 5. Appropriations are authorized by department totals. The Finance Officer is authorized to reallocate departmental appropriations among various line item objects of expenditures and revenues as necessary during the budget year. The City Manager is authorized to reallocate appropriations among the various departmental totals of expenditures within the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Electric Fund and Storm Water Management Fund as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 159-15. Any such transfers between departments shall be reported to the City Council at its next regular meeting following the transfer and shall be entered into the official minutes of the City of Washington.

Section 6. Copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the Finance Director of the City of Washington, to be kept on file by her for her direction in the disbursement of City funds.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2006.

Adopted this the 19th day of June, 2006.

s/Judy Jennette
JUDY JENNETTE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Rita A. Thompson
RITA A. THOMPOSN, CMC
CITY CLERK

Mr. Smith thanked Council and said that we have a difficult year ahead of us.

Councilman Gibson suggested that we quit using covers for our agenda books to save money.

APPOINTMENTS – TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

This item was postponed until June 26th.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION – LETTER FROM DOT CONCERNING
TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON US 264**

Mr. Smith called attention to a letter from DOT included in the agenda book concerning their response to the Council's request on the traffic signals on US 264.

**ADJOURN – UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

On motion of Mayor Pro tem Woolard, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council unanimously adjourned the meeting until Monday, June 26, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

Rita A. Thompson, CMC
City Clerk